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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Sensei Enterprises, Inc.: 1997-present. President. A digital forensics, cybersecurity and information technology firm, providing IT services to hundreds of law firms and businesses in Virginia, D.C. and Maryland and forensic and cybersecurity services to law firms and businesses nationwide.
- Law Offices of Sharon D. Nelson (formerly Nelson & Wolfe – 1978-present). Currently, dealing almost exclusively with digital forensics cases, formerly a general practice law firm.
- President of the Virginia State Bar June 2013-June 2014
- President of the Fairfax Law Foundation July 2014-July 2015. Board Member 2002-2016.
- Delegate, American Bar Association House of Delegates 2012-2014
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Virginia State Bar and its governing Council 2010-2015
- Chair of the BAM (Better Annual Meeting) Committee 2015-present
- Chair of the Virginia State Bar Special Committee on the Future of Law 2015-2019
- Chair of the Virginia State Bar TECHSHOW 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018. Co-Chair 2019
- Court-Appointed Special Advocate for Abused and Neglected Children (2010-2015)
- President, Fairfax Bar Association (2004-2005)
- Former Chair, Virginia State Bar Committee on Technology in the Practice of Law
- Former Chair, Virginia State Bar Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

- Former Member, Virginia State Bar MCLE Board (6 years)
- Member, Virginia State Bar, Virginia State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Fairfax Bar Association, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Virginia Women Attorneys Association
- Chair, American Bar Association TECHSHOW Board, 2006
- Member, American Bar Association's Cybersecurity Legal Task Force and its Standing Committee on Technology and Information Systems (2011-2014)
- Chair, Education Board of the Law Practice Management Section of the ABA (2011-2012) Vice Chair (2012-2015). Chair again August 2015-2017
- Former Member, Governing Council of the Law Practice Management Section of the ABA (2006-2011)
- Member, Governing Council of the Law Practice Division of the ABA (2015-present)
- Former Chair, Publications Board of the Law Practice Management Section of the ABA (2007-2009)
- Member, American Bar Association's Advisory Panel (2007-present)
- Graduate, Leadership Fairfax Class of 2000
- Member, The College of Law Practice Management (inducted in 2014)
- Member, Board of Trustees, The College of Law Practice Management (2015-present)
- Member, FBI InfraGard (2016-present)
- Fellow, Virginia Law Foundation (inducted 2017)
- Virginia State Bar President's Committee on Lawyer Wellness (2018-2019)

### **PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS**

- Co-author of The 2008-2019 editions of The Legal Technology Guide for Solo and Small Law Firms. (2008-2019 ABA Publishing)
- Co-author of Locked Down: Practical Information Security for Lawyers (2016, ABA Publishing)

- Co-author of Encryption Made Simple for Lawyers (2015, ABA Publishing)
- Co-author of Locked Down: Information Security for Lawyers (2012 ABA Publishing)
- Co-author of How Good Lawyers Survive in Bad Times (2009, ABA Publishing)
- Co-author of The Electronic Evidence and Discovery Handbook (2006, ABA Publishing)
- Co-author and Co-Editor of Information Security for Lawyers and Law Firms (2006, ABA Publishing)

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- Co-author of *Hot Buttons*, a bi-monthly column appearing in *Law Practice Magazine* (ABA Law Practice Management Section Publication)
- Regular columnist for the Canadian legal blog SLAW
- Author: *Ride the Lightning: Cybersecurity and Electronic Evidence* blog (2007-present), which was named to the American Bar Association's Blawg Hall of Fame in 2015.
- Co-editor, *Bytes in Brief*, an electronic law and technology newsletter (1997-2012)
- Co-author of hundreds of articles on legal technology and computer forensics published around in the world in more than 200 legal and business publications
- Member, Editorial Board, *Legaltech News* (2013-2017)

### **SEMINARS**

Frequent speaker on information technology, cybersecurity and electronic evidence for such groups as the Abingdon Regional Bench Bar Conference, Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists, Air Force Defense Counsel, Alaska State Bar Association, Alexandria Bar Association, Alliance of Business Immigration Lawyers, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, American Association of Nurse Attorneys, American Bar Association, American Bar Association Division of Government Lawyers, American Bar Association Intellectual Property Law Conference, American Bar GP/Solo Division, American Bar Association Lawyers Professional Liability Conference, American Bar Association Section of Public Contract Law, American Bar Association TechShow, American Law Institute, American Lawyer Media, American Legal Investigators CLE, American Records Management Association, Appalachian School of Law, Arkansas State Bar Association, Arlington Bar Association, ARMA District of Columbia Chapter, Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, Association of Legal Administrators, Association of Professional

Responsibility Lawyers, Bar Association of San Francisco, Blankingship & Keith, Bureau of National Affairs, California State Bar, Clear Law Institute, College of Law Practice Management, Community Associations Institute, Council of Local Governments, CPAs in Industry & Business, District of Columbia Association of Legal Administrators, District of Columbia Bar Association, District of Columbia Court Judges, District of Columbia Senior Court Managers, District of Columbia Superior Court, Eastern New York Estate Planning Council, Erie Planning Council, Fairfax Bar Association, Fairfax Bar Association Paralegal Section, Fauquier County Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Federal Communications Bar Association, Federal Public Defenders, Florida State Bar, Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, Fredrick Community College, Fredericksburg Bar Association, Furey Doolan & Abell, LLP, George Mason University Law School, Georgetown University Law Center, Georgia State Bar Association, Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Girl Scouts of Nation's Capital, Greenspun Shapiro, Guerrieri, Bartos & Roma, PC, Hampton Roads Gift Planning Council, Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association, ILTA LegalSEC Summit, International Franchise Association, International Judiciary Academy, Knoxville Bar Association, Law Office Manager, Legal Marketing Association: Richmond Chapter, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, LegalSpan, Loudoun County Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, Louisville Bar Association, Marbury Law Group, Maryland Association of Legal Administrators, Maryland Bar Association, McLean Bar Association, McLean Estate Planning Council, Milwaukee State Bar, Montana State Bar, National Association of Attorneys General, National Association of Bar Related Insurance Companies, The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, National Business Institute, National Capital Area Paralegal Association, National Conference of Bar Presidents, National Employment Lawyers Association, National Hispanic Bar Association, New York Prosecutors Training Institute, North Carolina Bar Association, Northern Virginia Association of Legal Administrators, Northern Virginia Community College, Northern Virginia Technology Council, Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma State Bar, Old Dominion Bar Association, Oregon State Bar, Organization of Bar Counsel Investigators, Pacific Legal Technology Conference, Paralegal Association of Northern Virginia, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Personal Injury Lawyers Marketing and Management Association, Portsmouth Bar Association, Practice Management Advisors of North America, Prince William County Bar Association, Private Investigators Association of Virginia, Professional Investigators and Security Association, Reed Technologies, Regent Law School, Richmond Bar Association, Richmond Association of Legal Administrators, Roanoke Bar Association, Tatusko Kennedy, PC, The Sedona Conference Institute, South Carolina State Bar, Association, Stafford CLE, State University of New York, Tennessee Association of Legal Administrators, Trade Policy Forum, The Trust Company of Virginia, University of New Hampshire, University of Oklahoma Law School, University of Rhode Island, University of Richmond School of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law, UNT Dallas College of Law, Virginia Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Virginia Bar Association, Virginia Circuit Court Clerk's Association, Virginia CLE, Virginia Collaborative Professionals, Virginia Coalition for Open Government, Virginia Electronic Commerce Technology Center, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, Virginia Judicial

Conferences, Virginia Legal Aid Services, Virginia Local Government Management Association, Virginia Poverty Law Center, Virginia School Board Association, Virginia State Bar, Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Division, Virginia Tech, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Washington & Lee Law School, West Virginia Association for Justice, West Virginia Bar Association, West Virginia CLE, William and Mary School of Law, Williams Mullen, Winchester Bar Association, Women in E-Discovery, Wyoming Lawyer, Wyoming State Bar, Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association, as well as many private law firms.

### **PODCASTS**

- Ms. Nelson is a co-host of the monthly Legal Talk Network podcast *The Digital Edge: Lawyers and Technology*
- Ms. Nelson is a co-host of Legal Talk Network's monthly *Digital Detectives* podcast along with Sensei Vice-President John W. Simek

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Ms. Nelson served as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Abused and Neglected Children June 2010-2015
- CASA Investors Circle 2010-2015
- Founder of Give Me Wings and I Can Fly – rehabbing used computers in Partnership with Microsoft to give the computers to economically disadvantaged children and families 2001-present
- Sponsor of Jazz for Justice for more than a decade
- Annual Sponsor of CASA's Run for the Children
- Annual Sponsor of the Fairfax Law Foundation's Run for Justice
- Annual Sponsor of Food for Others 5K
- Annual Sponsor of Langley Residential Services Fundraiser for Intellectually Disabled Adults
- Annual Sponsor of Special Olympics
- Annual Sponsor of Chipping In to End Domestic Violence Golf Tournament
- Lab Rescue of L.R.C.P. Vice President 2006-2008
- Led three Girl Scout Troops over 17 years, taking all troops through high school graduation
- Held numerous PTA positions, including President

## **AWARDS**

- 2019 Virginia Lawyers Weekly Class of 2019 Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame
- 2018 Virginia Lawyers Weekly Readers Award: Best eDiscovery Provider
- 2017 Virginia Lawyers Weekly Readers Award: Best eDiscovery Provider
- 2017 ABA Law Practice Division's Robert P. Wilkins Award in Recognition of Overall Achievement in Division Publications
- 2017 Fairfax CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Community Partner Award
- 2015 - Included in Legal Technology Resource Center's Women of Legal Tech (American Bar Association Law Practice Division)
- 2015 Virginia Lawyers Weekly Class of 2015 Leaders in the Law
- 2013 Named a Legal Technology Innovator by Legal Technology News
- 2013 Fastcase 50 Award - honoring the top 50 innovators, techies, visionaries, and leaders.
- 2012 Women in Technology Leadership Award
- 2012 Virginia Lawyers Weekly Class of 2012 Influential Women of Virginia
- 2012 Fairfax Bar Association's President's Award (fifth time Ms. Nelson has received this award)
- 2012 Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Outstanding Corporate Citizen Nominee, Woman-Owned Business Category
- 2009 American Bar Association Law Practice Management Section's Outstanding Authors' Award
- 2006 Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Outstanding Corporate Citizen, Small Business Category
- 2005 Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Small Business Achievement Award
- 2003, *Law Office Computing* magazine, Most Outstanding Contributor

## **EDUCATION**

**1974** B.A. in English from Tufts University, magna cum laude

**1978** J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center  
Editor, *American Criminal Law Review*

**2005** Technology-Enhanced Trial Advocacy for Litigation course completed, Law School of the College of William and Mary